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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

For Wednesday, May 6

## LOCAL RESIDENTS ADDRESS STATE, FEDERAL OFFICIALS ON WATER ISSUES

WHAT

More than 200 Delta area residents are expected to tell state and federal officials how they think the California Bay-Delta system should be managed, part of a 75 day public comment period that will impact the hub of California's water system and one of the largest estuaries in the world.

California's Bay-Delta system supplies drinking water for more than 22 million Californians and irrigation water for the state's \$24 billion agricultural industry. It supports more than 750 plant and animal species, some found nowhere else on earth. Years of conflict among urban, agricultural, environmental and other users have pushed the system to the brink of failure. DELTA COMMUNITIES HAVE A PARTICULAR STAKE IN FINDING A BAY-DELTA SOLUTION, INCLUDING:

- → How will CALFED's plan be coordinated with local agencies and landowners?
- **▶** What will be the impact on local water quality?
- ➡ What is the plan to stabilize the levee system?
- → How much will the solution cost and who will pay?

WHEN

Wednesday, May 6, 1998

6 p.m. Information Session/Question & Answers

7 p.m. Public Hearing

**WHO** 

Local residents, business owners and elected officials

Representatives from state and federal agencies listed below

WHERE

Jean Harvie Center, 14273 River Road, Walnut Grove

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a collaborative effort among the state and federal governments and California's leading agricultural, urban and environmental interests to resolve the environmental and water management problems of the Bay-Delta system.

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## \_CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service